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1652Title: A PROTEINASE INHIBITOR, PRECURSOR THEREOF AND GENETIC SEQUENCES ENCODING  
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Response to the Official Communication Dated January 23, 2003; copy of Preliminary Amendment, Letter of Transmittal dated 22, 2001 and copy of returned postcard received from USPTO dated June 25, 2001.

in the above identified application.

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**Response To The Official Communication Dated January 23, 2003**

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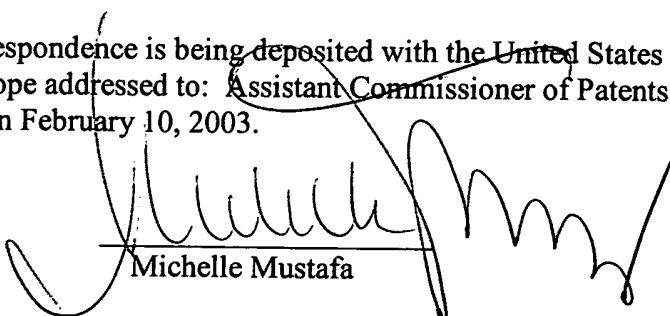
In the official communication dated January 23, 2003, the Examiner alleges that Applicants' reply filed on November 26, 2002 (Paper No. 9) is not fully responsive. Specifically, the Examiner states that added claims 30-31 depend from claim 29, yet there is no claim 29 pending as Applicants have referenced. The Examiner further states that Applicants referenced a preliminary amendment filed on June 22, 2001, yet there is no record of such preliminary amendment.

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In response to the Official Communication, Applicants provide herewith copies of the Preliminary Amendment and Letter of Transmittal, filed on June 22, 2001. Claims 29-32 are added in the Preliminary Amendment. A copy of the returned postcard, evidencing receipt by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 25, 2001, is also enclosed.

It is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,



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